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SUBJ: EFFECT OF EXCESS TANKER CAPACITY

REF: PARIS 24393, STATE 198513

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH MARITIME QUESTIONS INFORMS US THAT EXCESS TANKER CAPACITY HAS REALLY NOT BEEN A PROBLEM FOR FRANCE. FRENCH LAW OF 1928 ENABLING GOF TO RESERVE SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF PETROLEUM TRAFFIC FOR FRENCH FLAG VESSELS ENABLED GOF TO ENSURE OPTIMUM USE OF TANKERS IN FRENCH FLEET, WITH RESULT THAT NO MORE THAN TWO TANKERS IN FRENCH FLEET WERE IN EXCESS AT ANY ONE TIME (AND ONE OF THESE TWO TANKERS HAS SINCE BEEN SOLD).

2. AS REGARDS FRENCH SHIPYARDS, THIS OFFICIAL SAID THAT GOF POLICY OF MODERNIZING FRENCH MERCHANT FLEET, WHICH PREDATED PETROLEUM CRISIS, HAS GIVEN ENOUGH
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BUSINESS TO FRENCH SHIPYARDS SO THAT EFFECT OF LESSENED

DEMAND FOR NEW TANKERS HAS BEEN MINIMAL IN TERMS OF
ORDERS ON HAND. HENCE, FOR THE MOMENT, FRENCH SHIP-
YARDS ARE IN FAIRLY HEALTHY POSITION. HOWEVER, HE
STRESSED, THIS SITUATION MIGHT NOT PERSIST BEYOND 1978
UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL NEW ORDERS ARE RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY
IN THE MEANTIME.
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